

P A T E N T

**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re: Daniel Perreault et al. Confirmation No.: 4121  
Serial No.: 10/757,683 Examiner: P. Smith  
Filing Date: January 13, 2004 Group Art Unit: 3763  
Docket No.: 1001.1723101 Customer No.: 28075  
For: CATHETER SHAFT HAVING DISTAL SUPPORT

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT**

**CERTIFICATE FOR ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION:**

The undersigned hereby certifies that this paper or papers, as described herein, are being electronically transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on this 18th day of December 2006.

By Kathleen L. Boekley  
Kathleen L. Boekley

Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed September 13, 2006, with a shortened statutory period set to expire on December 13, 2006.

Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0413.

Please consider the following amendments and/or remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 8 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 14 of this paper.